



## PREVIEW

Read these three true stories. Were these people wise or foolish? Discuss your answers.

**Andre:** I met my wife on the Internet. I liked her immediately because she was honest about her opinions. We talked online for more than a year. Then I drove 2,000 miles to meet her. We had a wonderful time. I moved across the country to be near her and we got married six months later.



**Christie:** My husband and I met through an Internet dating service. The first time we spoke, we talked online from 8 P.M. to 3 A.M. Then we talked on the phone until I had to leave for work. Two days later he came to visit. Two weeks later, we were married. He said, "Do you want to get married tonight?" I said, "No . . . but I'm off Tuesday." We were married that day in Alabama, just the two of us and the judge.

**Elisa:** I met a man on the Internet. He seemed great. We fell in love right away. He told me that he was 32 and a bachelor. Six months after we met, his wife called me. He was actually 42 and married with three kids!



### A. DISCUSS

1. HAVE YOU EVER MET SOMEONE ON A DATING UP?
2. IF YOU DID, WAS YOUR EXPERIENCE GOOD OR BAD?
3. HAVE YOU EVER USED TINDER TO MEET PEOPLE? DO YOU KNOW ANYONE WHO HAS MET THEIR PARTNER ON TINDER?
- DO YOU THINK MOST PEOPLE ARE HONEST IN THESE DATING APPS?
- WHAT DO YOU THINK MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO USE THESE APPS LOOK FOR?

### B. READING

1. SKIM THE TEXT AND MAKE PREDICTIONS
- THINK OF THREE RULES THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE TEXT.
- WRITE A QUESTION FOR THE ARTICLE.

## READING 2 Rules for Internet Dating

Every time that you meet someone new, you take a risk. If you meet in a grocery store, in a museum, or in an Internet chat room, you have to protect yourself. The following rules apply to Internet dating.

### 1. Use Common Sense

Don't give out personal information such as your name, telephone number, or address until you are comfortable. You may want to use your first name only or use a fictitious name until you feel safe. When you feel safe enough to talk on the telephone, don't give out your home number. Get his or her number, or give them your work number, or your cellular phone number. Get together in a public place for the first date. Tell people where you are going or bring along some friends.



2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Tell the truth. If you send a photograph, make sure it's up-to-date. Telling the truth will avoid anger and disappointment later.

3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Get to know someone before getting romantic. Send e-mail messages for a while before you talk on the telephone or meet face-to-face. If he or she won't wait until you're comfortable, you should wonder why.

4. \_\_\_\_\_  
You can meet liars and cheaters on the Internet just like you can in real life. Look for the signs. Beware of Internet friends who try to persuade you to do something or make a lot of promises. Save your messages. If you think someone's lying, you can look back at what they said before. Previous messages

5. \_\_\_\_\_  
Before getting close to someone online, find out if the person is *real*. Ask for his or her home phone number, work number, and even references. It's easy to create a fake identity in cyberspace.

6. \_\_\_\_\_  
Internet dating can be as exciting as dating in person. Enjoy yourself but move slowly. Don't jump right into romance.

### Comprehension:

- a. Where should you meet an internet/app date in person for the first time?
- b. Why is it important to tell the truth?
- c. What should you do with the messages you receive?
- d. How can you find out if a person is real nowadays? (give other options apart from the one in the text)

### DISCUSS

The text is previous to the invention of dating apps. Do you think the rules still apply? What new rules would you add? In what ways do you think internet dating has changed?



C. SPEAKING:  
THESE PROFILES WERE TAKEN FROM REAL DATING APPS.  
READ THEM AND CHOOSE TWO PEOPLE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DATE. EXPLAIN.

I've been teaching 7th grade Homeroom for the past three years and I absolutely love my job and my students. It's hard work, but I bring a lot of energy to what I do and always have some left-over to get into trouble on the weekends at my fav. local bar. (If you play your cards right, maybe we can meet there.)

My friends would probably describe me as goofy but somehow I always end up being the responsible one. I do a lot on the weekend. I like to work on cars, BBQ with my friends, catch a local band I've probably never heard of but by my second beer I won't really care as long as they bring it. If you don't mind the dog or a little bit of a goofball we could be a pretty good pair.

I grew up in the area and just couldn't leave what has come to be my favorite place in the world. (My 14-year-old self would have never believed this.) I try to balance family, work, and time for myself and enjoy all three. I'm hoping to meet someone looking for something a bit more serious. Lately my hobbies include weightlifting, and tinkering with music (no, I will not call myself a DJ). If you want to know more, just ask.

#### My patronus is

A black and white cat. I was hoping for something noble like a lion or stag. Heck, a llama, even. Nope. I got a housecat. If you take the Pottermore quiz and get a dog or a mouse or something like that, feel free to message me. J.K. Rowling is trying to tell us something.

#### You should message me if

You're looking for something serious. I've done the short-term dating thing and no knock on it, but it's not for me. I'm looking for a genuine connection with someone that thinks it's okay to (occasionally) eat dinner after midnight. Open to dinner suggestions~

#### I value

My family. I know it sounds corny, but I'm not ashamed to say it. Family comes first. Blood is thicker than water and all that. We've been through a lot together and in those hard moments our strength together is what gets us through. No doubt about it.

#### NOW IS YOUR TURN!

IMAGINE YOU'RE TRYING TO MEET SOMEONE ON TINDER. CREATE YOUR PROFILE. WRITE IT ON A PIECE OF PAPER, FOLD IT AND GIVE IT TO THE TEACHER. HERE ARE SOME IDEAS YOU MAY INCLUDE:

solvent lady	professional male	looking for fun	sincere and caring
own house	down to earth	intelligent guy	likes dancing
with own teeth	easy-going	strong body	biker
romantic	blue eyes	enjoys cinema	athletic

#### D. GRAMMAR:

We use the **present perfect** to talk about past experiences when we **don't say** exactly when they happened.  
We use the **past simple** to talk about something in the past and we say exactly when it happened.

*Have you ever been married?* vs *Did you get married last year?*  
\*with the present perfect we often use *ever* in questions and *never* in negative answers.

*Have you ever loved someone?*  
*I have never been in love before.*

1. Use the words to write questions and answers using the present perfect or the past simple.  
Use **ever** and **never**.

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| a. Meet/ someone / online ?                | e. tell a lie / to impress someone ? |
| b. kiss / someone / on the first date?     | f. cheat / on your partner ?         |
| c. Have / a blind date / in my life.       | g. be /married / before.             |
| d. My sister /get married / two years ago. | h. met / my partner / at university. |

#### E. VIDEO

1. WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPERIMENT?
2. HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF YOU WERE IN HIS POSITION?
3. HOW MANY POTENTIAL MATCHES DID HE GET FROM THE GIRLS?  
HOW MUCH TIME HAS HE GOT TO CHAT WITH THE GIRLS BEFORE MAKING HIS DECISION? DO YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH TIME?  
WHY DOES ANSHUL THINK IT'S STRANGE TO DO THIS IN REAL LIFE?

